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PATENT**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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Application No. **NEW NATIONAL PHASE**

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Examiner

HOLLOW PIECE FOR PRODUCING A SINTERED REFRACTORY PRODUCT
EXHIBITING IMPROVED BUBBLING BEHAVIOUR**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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February 28, 2006

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.